

# ***Agricultural Economic Development Initiative***



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## **COUNTY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS**

### **DIVERSIFICATION**

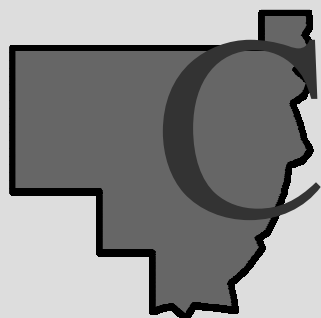
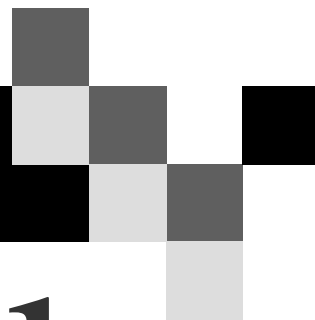
**Develop and support a diversified local agriculture economy with a strong network and a unified voice.**

- Develop and implement a survey of Clark County Agriculture to identify ag related businesses, impact and opportunity.
- Propose and support policies that allow for use of pre-tax dollars for investment in timber ground.
- Host national organizations, trade shows (farming, agriculture, management) to draw more visitors.
- Educate growers and the public about value-added opportunities for food, farm and forestry growth.
- Identify and lobby for new incentives for specialty crops (aquaculture, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, etc.).
- Target and recruit agriculture folks to serve on Boards and Commissions and to seek elected office to raise the level of southern Indiana agriculture.
- Establish Blanket Green Certification/AVA.

### **FOOD, FARM AND FORESTRY PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION**

**Promote and develop Clark County as the processing and distribution hub for the region.**

- Establish connection with One Southern Indiana to help include and promote agriculture as an economic strength.
- Market local incentives available in Clark County.
- Position county to capitalize on markets for wood chips/fiber (need new markets due to increased imports of paper).
- Prepare and implement a positive public relations effort for new plants and technologies.



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## **COUNTY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS**

### **HARDWOODS**

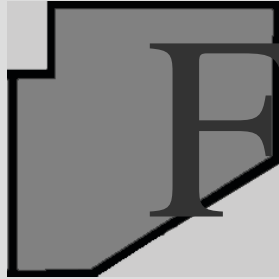
**Communicate to local population so that county residents understand the economic opportunities associated with forest management and arrange for the availability of resources.**

- Research how locals can secure first options on timber harvested from state forests.
- Find funding for an ongoing and comprehensive survey of county timber in order to better manage and better market to potential buyers.
- Start survey of local timber inventory.
- Explore forming a Crawford Co. Timber Group to promote better management of timber and provide reliable resources for timber owners.

### **DIVERSIFICATION**

**Alert and educate producers that are not actively and productively diversifying by demonstrating possibilities for economic, value-added and potential returns.**

- Explore starting a hay auction.
- Research area hay auctions—i.e., Boone County, Shipshewanna
- Hold first hay auction in county.



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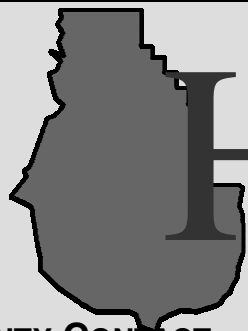
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**Identify ways to integrate agri-tourism, hardwood development, horticulture and agricultural economic development in Floyd County.**

- Get involved in the regional initiatives as representatives of Floyd county so the county is represented on regional activities.
- Develop public education for modern hardwood agriculture.
  - Compile an inventory of trees in the county.
  - Develop a partnership with other organizations that have a vested interest in the hardwood industry that could be further involved in development and implementation of a hardwood program.
  - Develop target audience lists and develop materials specific to each group.
  - Coordinate with One Southern Indiana regarding support and leadership.

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### **COUNTY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS**

#### **DIVERSIFICATION**

**To improve Harrison County's economy by encouraging a harmonious blend of modern agriculture with our unique heritage.**

- Establish a brand program.
- Support the expansion of specialty products.
- Create meal plans for schools and restaurants using locally grown products.
- Establish a permanent, year-round location for farmers' markets.
- Establish a commercial kitchen/processing center for production of Harrison County products.

#### **HARDWOODS**

**Increase the cost-competitiveness of Harrison County's high-quality hardwood products.**

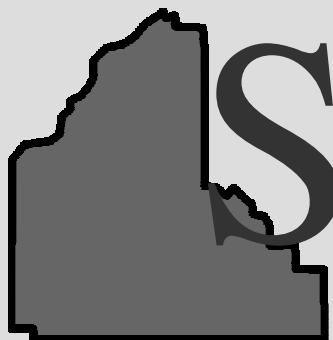
- Educate county timberland owners on proper timber management for increased competitiveness.
- Educate public on importance of timber to the county's economy and impacts of invasive pests.
- Fence livestock out of trees.
- Encourage the use of professional foresters and forest management plans.
- Create incentives to preserve timber/forest acres and proper management techniques.

#### **REGULATORY COORDINATION**

**Inform and educate the ag community about regulation, and partner with local leadership to foster and sustain our county's ag community. (To be developed through the Chamber of Commerce's committee.)**

- Educate the Harrison County ag community about current regulatory requirements.
- Approach regulation issues in a proactive way.
- Establish contacts with ISDA for regulatory ideas.
- Reach out to other Ag Chamber committees in surrounding areas.
- Improve communication between municipal and county governments.

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### **DIVERSIFICATION**

#### **Create a market for small producers in Scott County.**

- Identify a location for the market that is safe and accessible.
- Coordinate with planning and zoning committees and property owners.
- Communicate conservation programs and preservation of rural land.
- Identify opportunities for assistance with innovation and/or diversified farming through the TIE Center.
- Incorporate agricultural tours that promote education and public awareness (i.e. farms, wetland preserves, timberstands).
- Communicate the economic impact of agriculture.
- Develop a web page with a link to tourism.
- Create a clearinghouse to share information.

### **REGULATORY STANDARDS**

#### **Educate the public and agriculture community about planning and zoning regulations.**

- Designate an agriculture industrial park with recorded covenants and restrictions.
- Develop and communicate a predictable process for planning and zoning.
- Recruit ag people on boards and commissions.

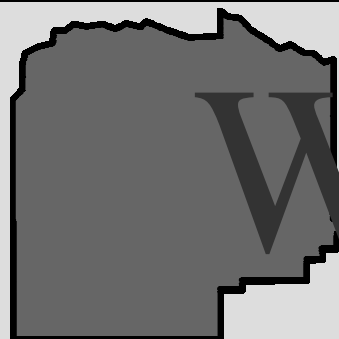
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#### **Communicate information about conservation programs and the preservation of timberland as a renewable resource.**

- Develop seminars with information provided by SWCD and Purdue University Extension Office.
- Promote opportunities to timberland property owners and manufacturers on a local and regional basis.
- Educate school-children and young adults regarding the importance of hardwoods.
- Identify hardwood assets in the county.



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### HARDWOODS

**Promote sustainable and responsible hardwoods harvesting and growth of value added hardwood industries in Washington County.**

- Involve representation from local hardwood business and White River RC&D Forestry Committee.
- Combat apathy towards hardwood by educating landowners on BMP's.
- Showcase the impact of hardwoods in the county at fairs, home/garden show.
- Work with local economic development to seek hardwood industry for county.
- Compile packet of Washington County's hardwood information and make available to wood industry manufacturing.
- Continue education with Arbor Programs in public schools and field-days.
- Develop and fund hardwood brochure provide to realtors, estate planners, funeral homes, auctioneers.

### DIVERSIFICATION

**Create a viable agricultural community that provides improved quality of life and quality uniform products.**

- Coordinate feasibility study on livestock processing with Hoosier Hills RC&D.
- Create tax abatement awareness.
- Build advertising through creating county website.
- Create survey/assessment of marketable items.
- Start Ag Appreciation Day Breakfast at fair.
- Coordinate current livestock and farm product groups.
- Study what other counties/states do.
- Create Washington County diversification tour for ag tourism.

### REGULATORY COORDINATION

**Develop plan and educate citizens about long-term goals of land use planning in the county.**

- Approach county commissioners to establish planning commission.
- Create diverse list of names to give to commissioners for planning commission (e.g. ag, industry, public interest, education financial, economic development).
- Develop zoning map with selected criteria and interface with GIS.
- Create small zoning package as a ballot referendum.
- Build local ownership of plan through networking with local organizations.
- Educate community with scientific/mathematical data about land uses.
- Identify success stories from other counties.